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SUBJECT: U.S.-GREEK DEFENSE COOPERATION DISCUSSIONS: NEA MAKRI

REF: A. ATHENS 6533 (DTG 142229Z JUL 77)
B. STATE 166012 (DTG 160008Z JUL 77)

1. DURING INFORMAL WORKING GROUP MEETING ON SATURDAY JULY 16,
GREEKS REOPENED PREVIOUSLY AGREED TEXT OF ARTICLE III OF NEA
MAKRI APPENDIX AND NEA MAKRI EXCHANGE OF NOTES. THEY WANT
FOLLOWING TWO CHANGES, BOTH OF WHICH WE CONSIDER NON-SUBSTANTIVE.

A. ARTICLE III (REFTEL A., PARA 2.A). GREEKS STATED THAT,
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UPON REFLECTION, THEY NOW BELIEVE THAT THE FINAL PHRASE
"---AT NEA MAKRI AND ELSEWHERE IN THE GENERAL VICINITY."
SHOULD BE DELETED. THEY WISH TO AVOID POSSIBLE MISINTERPRETATION
AND POLITICAL CRITICISM THT THE GOG HAS GIVEN THE US BLANKET
AUTHORIZATION TO OPERATE COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES ANYWHERE IN
THE GENERAL VICINITY AND NOT JUST AT LOCATIONS SPECIFIED IN
THE APPENDIX AND ANNEXES A AND B. WE SEE NO PROBLEM IN THIS

DELETION BECAUSE: (1) PHRASE WAS ORIGINALLY REQUESTED BY GREEKS TO SATISFY AN INTERNAL PROBLEM; (2) PRIMARY PURPOSE OF ARTICLE III IS TO NEGATE REQUIREMENT FOR "MUTUALLY WORKED OUT PROGRAM"; AND (3) AUTHORIZATION FOR US ACTIVITIES ARE CONTAINED IN ARTICLE I. ARTICLE III NOW READS:
"AS THE MUTUALLY WORKED OUT PROGRAM FOR NEA MAKRI COMMUNICATIONS STATION, UNITED STATES FORCES AND THE HELLENIC NAVY WILL OPERATE PARALLEL COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES."

B. EXCHANGE OF NOTES STEM OF PARA 1 (REFTEL A. PARA 3). REMOVE PHRASE "HELLENIC NAVY" FROM ITS PRESENT POSITION AND REINSERT IT JUST BEFORE THE WORD "PARALLEL". THIS IS AN EDITORIAL CHANGE TO LINK "HELLENIC NAVY" WITH THE ENTIRE PARALLEL FACILITY AND NOT JUST THE LF CIRCUIT.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: SEPTTEL REPORTS CLOSING OF DCS ISSUE. THE ABOVE CHANGES CONCERNING NEA MAKRI ARE THE FINAL POINTS TO BE SETTLED IN THE ENTIRE DCA PACKAGE. WE REGRET WEEKEND INCONVENIENCE, BUT WE NEED WASHINGTON APPROVAL OF THESE CHANGES BY OPENING OF BUSINESS MONDAY, JULY 18 TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF AMBASSADOR'S FINAL DAY IN COUNTRY TO WRAP UP THESE "CONFIDENTIAL DISCUSSIONS."
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